


2025-2026

Growing Generosity Together



from Christ's foundation



For **we are**
God's servants,
working together

1 Corinthians 3:9a

TIME & TALENT

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Please complete the Ministry & Learning Commitment form and return to CLC by September 7.*

ONLINE FORM SUBMISSIONS PREFERRED.

Visit makingChristknown.org to access the forms.

To grow as Christ's disciple, you're invited to participate in one or more of Christ Lutheran's ministry and spiritual growth opportunities. Please prayerfully consider how you are called to offer your time and talent in a ministry rooted in Christ's love. Training is provided.

By taking part in one or more opportunities, it is CLC's hope that you will build new relationships, pray for one another, and grow in discipleship.

****Ministry areas shaded in orange on the following pages are especially in need of additional volunteers.***



COMMUNICATION

Evangelism Team (Jeff Bieck / Katie Belinson)

Connect with/follow up with visitors and tell others about our congregation. Committee work includes oversight of newcomer orientations, welcoming new members and fellowship event planning.

Friday Folders (Michelle Nelson / Katie Belinson)

Help us complete our publications and Sunday bulletins while enjoying great fellowship as well!

New Member Sponsors (Sharon Bramel)

Be among those who intentionally work to acquaint new members with our congregation and help integrate them into the life of our church family.

Photographer (Katie Belinson)

Strengthen our communications efforts by serving as a photographer at congregational events. Amateur photogs gladly accepted!



SPIRITUAL LIFE / PATHWAYS

Caregivers (Jean Salley)

Join a group of folks who are trained to provide care and support to those in need of a caring presence. Serve as a prayer partner. Bring the sacrament of Holy Communion—blessed on Sunday morning—to those who are homebound.

Common Threads Prayer Shawl Ministry (Karen Glavin)

This group knits, crochets, stitches, or ties shawls. These prayer shawls are blessed, then given to those in need of a reminder of Christ's presence.

PATHWAYS (Karen Glavin)

Be a part of the team that encourages our members to develop and intentionally express their Christian faith in the world through education, retreats, spiritual practices and more.

Prayer Chain (Karen Hagen)

Join with other Prayer Warriors who pray privately, daily, and confidentially for specific prayer requests that are received through our Welcome Cards, website, or office contact.



WORSHIP

Please contact Deacon Laura Gorton to learn about volunteer opportunities that do not otherwise list a contact person.

Acolyte/Crucifer

The acolyte (grade three through adult) lights the altar candles and leads worship processions with the processional cross.

Altar Preparations

This ministry is responsible for changing the altar paraments, linens, and the banners, plus general cleaning and "Welcome Book" preparation.

Assisting Minister

The Assisting Minister assists with congregational prayer, setting of the table, and distributing Holy Communion. Training will be provided prior to serving in this role. This ministry is open to any person who has affirmed their baptism.

Coffee Host

Coffee Hosts prepare carafes of coffee and fellowship refreshments. Also responsible for overseeing clean-up.

Communion Assistant

Communion Assistants assist with the distribution of wine during Holy Communion using a pouring chalice.

Communion Bread Baker

Bread Bakers prepare 4-8 loaves of bread using a recipe provided by the church to be used in each celebration of Holy Communion. Youth in grade three through adult are encouraged to be involved in this ministry in partnership with their parents.

Communion Preparation & Clean Up

Prepare the altar with communion vessels, linens, bread, and wine. Following worship, return vessels and linens to the sacristy and reverently dispose of the remaining bread and wine. Children and youth are encouraged to help a parent or other adult.

Donut Pick-up

Pick up the standing order of donuts from the bakery and bring them to the church one hour before worship begins.

Greeters

Welcome all who enter the church for worship as an expression of the congregation's hospitality. A great ministry for a family to do together!

Lector

During worship services, lectors read most of the assigned scripture passages for the day.

Linens and Vestments

Take soiled communion linens and vestments home, wash and iron them, and return them to the church by the following Friday.

Sacristan

The sacristan ensures that all worship participants are present and ready to serve before each service. They secure substitutes as needed.

Worship Hosts

Greet worshippers at the entrance to the worship space. This hospitality ministry includes distributing bulletins, receiving offering, seating, and helping those with special needs. Also, ushering and presentation of the communion elements are a part of this ministry.

Worship Prayer Team

Gather with worship leaders on Sunday morning to pray for those worshipping that day, those serving, and for any other needs.



MUSIC

Handbell Choir (Deacon Jennifer Fox)

The handbell choir, open to high school through adult, provides special music at worship services. Music reading skills are required, but bell ringing experience is not necessary.

Instrumentalist (Deacon Jennifer Fox)

For those with experience playing as an instrumentalist in a small group or solo setting and who would like to participate in a worship setting.

Spirit Singers (Deacon Jennifer Fox)

This is the choir comprised of those in grade six through adult who provide special music at many worship services. A love of music is all that is required.

Vocalist (Jennifer Fox)

For those with experience singing in a small group or as a soloist and who would like to participate in a worship setting.



EDUCATION

Adult Confirmation (Deacon Laura Gorton)

Offered upon request, this class supports adults who wish to learn more about Lutheran identity, Martin Luther's catechism, worship, and belief in the Christian church.

Adult Forums (Deacon Laura Gorton)

Sunday mornings following worship between September and May, this gathering explores a wide range of topics, including Bible study, world religions, ethical issues, spirituality, Lutheran identity, and more.

Baptismal Readiness (Deacon Laura Gorton)

What is baptism? Is it necessary for salvation? Baptismal preparation is provided for both adults who are new to the faith and for infants whose parent(s) wish to help them grow in faith.

Communion Readiness (Deacon Laura Gorton)

What is communion? Why do we practice it? What do all those words mean? CLC offers classes to teach about communion. Speak with Deacon Laura if your child is indicating readiness to receive communion.

Confirmation (Deacon Laura Gorton)

All youth, grades four through nine who feel spiritually ready, are invited to participate in confirmation, a time of Christian learning, service, and fellowship which leads to Affirmation of Baptism.

Godly Play (Sally Wonder)

For preschoolers through grade five, all are invited to join on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15 am during the academic year for fun, interactive learning.

Kids Camp Task Force (Deacon Laura Gorton)

Work on a team to help plan and oversee our Kids Camp program (held one week each summer).

Kids Camp Volunteer (Deacon Laura Gorton)

Reach out to our neighborhood children by volunteering to teach, prepare snacks, lead music, or lend a hand during Kids Camp.

Youth Group (Deacon Laura Gorton)

Enjoy fellowship with your friends at CLC. Open to all middle school and high school youth.



SERVICE AND OUTREACH

Bread Delivery (Margie Belmont / Patricia Cox)

Deliver a loaf of bread to the home of our first time worship guests. If the person is home, share a word of thanks for worshipping with us.

Christ Cares Team (Lee Blackburn / Deacon Jennifer Fox)

Work on a team that provides meals and/or does shopping trips for members unable to do so. Help provide rides to appointments as needed.

Funeral Luncheon (Holly Munch / Michelle Nelson)

Support grieving families by providing food or by assisting in the kitchen with meal hospitality.

Mosaic Volunteer (Deacon Laura Gorton)

Help us be "a home away from home" for our friends from Mosaic, a community of clients with developmental challenges. A great opportunity to give and receive at both our Friday Hub meetings (led once a month) and Rejoicing Spirits worship (twice a month offsite).

Service & Outreach Team (Alicia Block / Sue Hunter)

Collaborate with others to serve our community. This team nurtures our companion congregation relationships, supports a missionary, and partners with local and global organizations.



FINANCE

Finance Advisory Team (Elizabeth Brinkley)

Assist with budget planning and audit recommendations, as well as provide guidance for long- and short-term financial planning.

Offering Counter (Peter Hightower / Judy Kinney)

Offering Counters work with one other person on a set rotation. Offerings are counted either on Sunday or the following Monday. Must have been a CLC member for a minimum of one year.



GROUPS AND FACILITY

Building & Grounds Team (Karen Glavin / Arne Venteris)

Join forces with other members to keep the grounds in tip-top shape and maintain our facility and its infrastructure. All talents and interests are needed!

Memorial Garden Care (Sharon Bramel)

Help maintain and beautify the grounds surrounding our prayer labyrinth and columbarium. Work on your own schedule.

Office Volunteer (Michelle Nelson)

Help in the church office a morning or afternoon each week (9:00 am-noon or noon-3:00 pm). Answer phones and do other tasks as agreed upon.



STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Team (Pam Schupbach / Deacon Laura Gorton)

Be a part of the team that addresses both the financial health of Christ Lutheran as well as encourages the congregation in healthy year-round stewardship of both spiritual and financial gifts.



SMALL GROUP FELLOWSHIP

There are many other ways to connect with others at Christ Lutheran. Consider joining one of these small group fellowship opportunities.

Christ in Literature (Barb Weidman)

Read a book each month and discuss it in a Christian context. Meets the first Monday of most months at 3:00 pm.

Loss and Grief Group (Patricia Cox)

Loss comes in many forms: loss of a loved one, a job, health, youth, flexibility, etc. This group provides support, offers coping strategies, and nurtures hope.

Men of Christ (Kris Campbell)

Men of all ages are invited to gather twice a month for in-depth Bible study, fellowship, and community building.

Yoga (Arlene Paskus)

Good health includes a sound mind-body connection. Come enjoy peaceful community while strengthening your mind and body. All ages welcome, beginners through advanced. \$10 donation per class.



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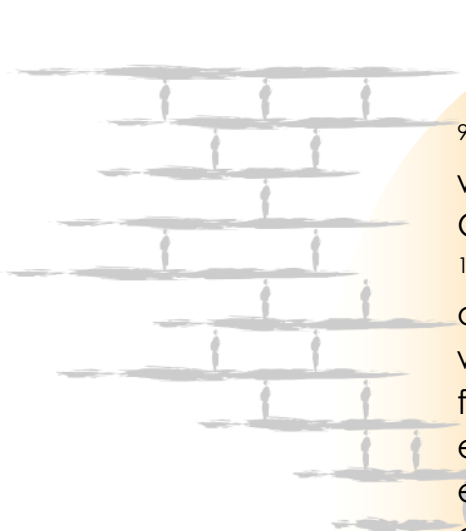
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⁹ For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

¹⁰ According to the grace of God given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Let each builder choose with care how to build on it.

¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:9-11

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